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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS -- POSSIBLE "POMPIDOU GROUP"
INITIATIVE ON THAILAND

REF: (A) STATE 9851; (B) BANGKOK 482; (C) BANGKOK 31492

1. WE PASSED REFTEL (C) AND PERTINENT SECTIONS REFTELS
(A) AND (B) TO GEOFFREY DEDENEY, HEAD, DRUGS BRANCH,
HOME OFFICE, JAN. 17. HE THANKED US WARMLY FOR OUR
PROMPT RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR USG VIEWS ON POSSIBLE
"POMPIDOU GROUP" INITIATIVE ON THAILAND. HE ADDED THAT
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THAILAND'S NEWLY-ESTABLISHED
DRUG SUPPRESSION COMMISSION WILL BE USEFUL IN FORMULATING
HIS APPROACH TO FELLOW "POMPIDOU GROUP" MEMBERS.

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2. DEDENEY IS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO HAVE CONFIRMATION
OF USG SUPPORT FOR "POMPIDOU GROUP" IN GENERAL AND WAS
IMPRESSED WITH EMBASSY BANGKOK'S COMMENTS. HE SAID THAT
SUGGESTION CONTAINED PARA 4, REFTEL (B) "MAKES A LOT OF
SENSE." HE AGREES THAT ANY APPROACH TO THE THAI GOVERN-
MENT MUST BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND BASED ON MUTUAL COOPERA-
TION. HE WILL STRESS THIS POINT IN PURSUING THE "POMPID-

OU GROUP" INITIATIVE WITH HIS DUTCH AND LATER FRENCH COLLEAGUES. HE SAID HE WILL SUGGEST TO HIS COLLEAGUES THAT ONE SUCH CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH MAY BE TO IMPROVE REPRESENTATION AT THEIR EMBASSIES IN BANGKOK IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD.

3. COMMENT: DEDENEY WILL BE RAISING THESE POINTS WITH SAMSON IN THE HAGUE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE HOPES THEY CAN MOUNT JOINT APPROACH TO THE FRENCH PRIOR TO CND MEETING IN FEBRUARY. DEDENEY'S ENTHUSIASM SEEMS TO US TO BODE WELL FOR THE REJUVENATION OF THE "POMPIDOU GROUP" AND HIS QUICK APPRECIATION OF EMBASSY BANGKOK'S CONCERNS SHOULD HOPEFULLY PRECLUDE ANY INAPPROPRIATE APPROACH TO THE RTG BY THE GROUP.

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